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SUBJECT: PROPOSAL THAT CCINC FUND FOUR DRUG DEPENDENCE
STUDIES BY WHO

FOR AMBASSADOR VANCE FROM ERNST

1. NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE (NIDA) HAS PROPOSED
THAT CCINC APPROVE DOLLARS 200,00 FOR WORLD HEALTH ORGANI-
,ATION (WHO) TO UNDERTAKE FO'R PROJECTS DESCRIBED BELOW.

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SUBJECT TO EMBASSY MEXICO CONCURRENCE CCINC COORDINATING

SUBCOMMITTEE AGREES THAT PROJECTS HAVE MERIT, BUT WONDERS WHETHER THEY MIGHT MORE APPROPRIATELY BE FUNDED EITHER BY WHO DIRECTLY OR BY UNFDAC. IF SUCH FUNDING CANNOT REASONABLY BE EXPECTED ON TIMELY BASIS, SUBCOMMITTEE PREPARED RECOMMEND CCINC FUNDING. SMITH STRONGLY DESIRES DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH YOU IN BANGKOK.

2. PROJECT ONE: DEPENDENCE LIABILITY POTENTIAL AND NON-MEDICAL USE OF THEBAINE AND ITS DERIVATIVES. UN LAB NOW STUDYING CHEMICAL ASPECTS OF THEBAINE. PROPOSED STUDY WOULD EXAMINE HOW THEBAINE AND ITS DERIVATIVES MIGHT BE ABUSED AND THE LIKELIHOOD THAT SUCH DERIVATIVES MIGHT BE SIMILAR TO THOSE WHOSE DEPENDENCE LIABILITY HAS ALREADY

BEEN CHARACTERIZED. WOULD STUDY TOXICOLOGICAL, PSYCHOTROPIC AND PSYCHOTOXIC EFFECTS, INCLUDING SIDE EFFECTS, IRRITANT PROPERTIES OR OTHER CHARACTERISTICS WHICH WOULD REDUCE LIKELIHOOD OF SELF-ADMINISTRATION AND SIMILARITY OF THESE DERIVATIVES TO HEROIN, METHAQUALONE, ETC. WHO WELL QUALIFIED UNDERTAKE STUDY OF THIS TYPE. ESTIMATED COST DOLLARS 35,000.

3. PROJECT TWO: PILOT PROJECTS ON PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF DRUG DEPENDENCE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. WHO WOULD BE ASKED TO: (A) IDENTIFY AT LEAST TWO DISSIMILAR AREAS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHERE COMMUNITY LEADERS ARE INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING NEW APPROACHES TO PREVENTION AND REDUCTION OF DRUG RELATED PROBLEMS; (B) DEVISE PILOT PROJECTS, EXAMINING SERVICES TO BE OFFERED, FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT NEEDED, AND ASSIST LOCAL LEADERS TO INITIATE PROJECTS; AND (C) EVALUATE PROJECTS AS BASIS FOR RECOMMENDING SIMILAR PROJECTS TO OTHER COUNTRIES. PROJECT DESIGNED TO GET WHO MORE INVOLVED IN INCLUDING DRUG-RELATED PROBLEMS IN ITS GENERAL HEALTH PROGRAMS. SUCCESS OF PILOT PROGRAMS MAY WELL INCREASE PRESSURE ON WHO FROM COUNTRIES NOT SELECTED TO DEVISE SIMILAR PROGRAMS IN THOSE COUNTRIES. ESTIMATED COST DOLLARS 80,000.

4. PROJECT THREE: INTERAMERICAN WORKING CONFERENCE ON SOLVENTS AND VOLATILE SUBSTANCES. WOULD REQUIRE WHO TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SPONSOR CONFERENCE IN MEXICO CITY OF 20-30 SCIENTISTS FROM CANADA, MEXICO AND UNITED STATES, TO REVIEW AND SUMMARIZE AVAILABLE KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING SCIENTIFIC ASPECTS OF ABUSE OF SOLVENTS AND VOLATILE SUBSTANCES. INCLUDES IDENTIFICATION OF AT-RISK POPULATIONS AND DETERMINATION OF EFFECTS ON DIFFERENT USER GROUPS. WHO INSTEAD OF BILATERAL FUNDING SUGGESTED IN ORDER AVOID FORCING MEXICO TO REPORT RESULTS DIRECTLY TO U.S., WHICH APPARENTLY PRE-

SENTS POLITICAL PROBLEMS FOR MEXICO DRUG ABUSE OFFICIALS.
MEXICO WOULD HAVE NO POLITICAL PROBLEM REPORTING PROJECT
RESULTS TO WHO, THROUGH WHICH U.S. COULD OBTAIN FULL
RESULTS OF PROGRAM. ESTIMATED COST DOLLARS 25,000.

5. PROJECT FOUR: DEMONSTRATION AND TREATMENT PROJECT IN
MEXICO. ASSIST MEXICO TO ESTABLISH TWO FACILITIES TO
ASSIST INDIVIDUALS ENCOUNTERING PROBLEMS WITH THE USE OF
STIMULANTS, DEPRESSANTS, OPIATES, HALLUCINOGENS OR
VOLATILE SUBSTANCES. USG INVOLVEMENT, EVEN THOUGH UNDER
WHO MANTLE FOR SAME REASONS AS CITED IN PROJECT THREE,
WOULD SERVE TO COUNTERBALANCE OUR EXTENSIVE LAW-ENFORCEMENT
PROGRAM IN MEXICO AND MIGHT BE USED TO GAIN EVEN BROADER
BASED SUPPORT FOR THAT PROGRAM. ESTIMATED COST

DOLLARS 60,000.

6. FOR GENEVA: SEVERAL MEMBERS OF COORDINATING SUB-
COMMITTEE HAVE SERIOUS RESERVATIONS ABOUT CCINC FUNDING
OF THESE PROJECTS, BELIEVING SUCH FUNDING SHOULD COME FROM
WHO AND/OR UNFDAC. PLEASE CABLE TO AMBASSADOR VANCE YOUR
ANALYSIS OF WHO/UNFDAC WILLINGNESS AND ABILITY FUND THESE
PROJECTS WITHOUT EXTREME BUREAUCRATIC DELAY. AMBASSADOR
VANCE DEPARTS BANGKOK MARCH 27.

7. FOR MEXICO: PLEASE CABLE YOUR CONCURRENCE AND/OR
COMMENTS TO BANGKOK FOR AMBASSADOR VANCE.

8. DR. SMITH HAND-CARRYING DETAILS OF PROPOSED PROJECTS
TO BANGKOK AND WILL BE PREPARED DISCUSS THEM WITH YOU.
PLEASE ADVISE YOUR DECISION. INGERSOLL

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